

LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2016
LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH

Present: O.J. Robinson, Patricia McTeague, and Jayne Ludwig.

Staff Present: Town Manager Alfred Burbank, Police Chief Smith, Heather Ring, and Brook Rose.

Public Present: Tamra Ham, Edmond Gionet, Dave Beaudin, Mary Conn, Susan Clark, Tammy Gionet Dutilly, Paul Beaudin, and Roger Harrington.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met at 4:00pm in Non-Public Session for a scheduled grievance hearing. O.J. Robinson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 5:55pm.

II. REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Select Board meeting as amended.

Motion: Ludwig **Second:** Robinson **Motion carries with McTeague abstaining.**

MOTION: “To approve the minutes of the December 21, 2015 Select Board meeting as amended.

Motion: McTeague **Second:** Ludwig **Motion carries with Robinson abstaining.**

MOTION: “To approve the non-public minutes of the January 4, 2016 Select Board meeting as presented.

Motion: Ludwig **Second:** Robinson **Motion carries with McTeague abstaining.**

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Bond Articles

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed bond articles and the capital reserve expenses. An amendment was made to the roads and streets line item. There is a new item in the CIP for community center maintenance. The Board discussed the funds allocated in the CIP for the cemetery expansion. Town Manager Burbank informed the Board that bids are being received for the rehabilitation of the community center office space. Bids will be received in time to place this project on the warrant. An office and storage space for the food pantry will be created and the current office space reconfigured to become more functional. O.J. would rather see this project phased in and have a concrete estimate for the project. He would have rather seen this project incorporated into the CIP rather than all paid in one year. He would like to see \$25,000 appropriated for the project and given the request of the Recreation Department, he would agree with pushing this project through to the Budget Committee. Jayne’s

50 preference is that it be placed on the CIP and saved for so the project can be done right. She realizes the
51 importance and need for privacy and additional storage. Patricia agreed and would like an additional
52 \$10,000 placed in the community building capital reserve to work towards getting this project done, or
53 preferably fund it through the operating budget in 2016. The Board agreed to make that change. The
54 Board also discussed the levee project at length. It was decided that 1.31 million dollars would be
55 bonded and \$90,000 raised through taxes for a total project cost of 1.4 million dollars. Bond fees of
56 \$9,000 are included in this sum as recommended by Finance Officer Jones. The Board also agreed to
57 raise and appropriate 1.2 million dollars for the Beechwood One project with anticipated revenue of
58 \$600,000 as Loon Mountain Resort is covering half of the project costs. The Board will be presenting
59 this entire budget to the Budget Committee tomorrow evening. Recreation Director Tower was invited
60 to attend the meeting to discuss the Community Center renovation project.

61 62 **Town Manager's Report**

63 64 **Pollard Road Sidewalk**

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66 This project is ongoing. Town Manager Burbank met with Mrs. Martin and Ray Korber. Mrs. Martin
67 is working on putting together a petition warrant article. Mr. Burbank commented that this is an
68 expansive project. O.J. would like to invite Mrs. Martin to attend the Budget Committee meeting
69 tomorrow night.

70 71 **Junk Yard Litigation**

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73 A Grafton County Superior Court judge issued an order at the recent hearing on this matter. The judge
74 issued a six month window in which Mr. Chenard has to clean up his property.

75 76 **Inactive Power Line**

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78 The NHEC cannot find an issue with any line behind the old paper mill. NHEC does not have any line
79 that crosses the river. This is still an active investigation.

80 81 **Loon Bridge Construction**

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83 The first load of steel for the new bridge arrived today.

84 85 **Public Participation**

86 87 **Edmond Gionet**

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89 Edmond Gionet wanted to be sure that the changes he suggested to the December 21st meeting minutes
90 have been made. Brook confirmed that the changes have been made and will be posted to the website as
91 they have been approved by the Board this evening.

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93 Mr. Gionet advised the Board that they may want to reference RSA 252 (year 1965) as a guide when
94 discussing the proposed Pollard Road sidewalk project. He added that this RSA no longer exists in
95 chapter 252 but has been incorporated into other RSA's.

96 97 **Paul Beaudin**

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99 Paul questioned whether Mr. Burbank has the letter from NH Department of Environmental Services
100 that he requested a copy of on December 15th. Mr. Burbank apologized for not getting him a copy and

will do so tomorrow. Mr. Beaudin questioned whether there would be a public hearing on the bond issues. O.J. replied that there would be and typically it is on the same night as the budget hearing. Paul then questioned whether the Town has confirmation from the USACE (US Army Corp of Engineers) that once the levee is reconstructed to the 1960's standards by the Town, that the USACE will repair the levee in the event of future catastrophic damages. O.J. replied that the Town does not have a solid answer on this as it is up to the USACE as to whether the catastrophic event meets the threshold for their involvement (which is subject to their interpretation of that threshold). Paul strongly felt that the Town should have assurances from the USACE and the Board agreed. Paul stated that he supports the project but does not think it is fair to the taxpayers to be forced to pay for this project without any assurances. Further discussion regarding the levee ensued. O.J. stated that the USACE is responsible for levees across the country. If one were to look at the levees across the country, it would be found that the USACE does not give definitive interpretations of thresholds to any community. He added that if the Town does not repair the levee, the Town has a letter from NHDES stating that daily fines upwards of thousands of dollars per day will incur and the State can come in and do the project and then charge the project costs to the Town.

Edmond Gionet stated that he does not like that the Town is going to bow to the threats of the State simply because the State is threatening that they *may* intervene. He added that, "the Town is used as a pawn year after year, after year." Further discussion ensued. Edmond stated that he hated the whole project.

Tamra Ham

Tamra Ham brought up the proposed renovation of the Community Center. She is disappointed that the Board did not support the warrant article. She stated that the kitchen renovation was on the warrant a few years ago. Further, the project is very much needed. This was determined by the Community Center Committee which is comprised of a majority of Lincoln residents and a few Woodstock residents. She stated that is impossible to hold a private meeting in the joint office space. The Recreation Director cannot have a private meeting with staff. The Town leases a part of the room to the Senior Center for office space and they do not have a private space to meet either. If either party conducts a meeting in the room, it is very disruptive. Mrs. Ham encouraged the Board to stop and view the reconstruction plans and the space at the Community Center.

Paul Beaudin

Paul Beaudin asked that the Board have the tax implications on the bond articles prepared for the budget hearing. He also applauded the Board's efforts for wanting to fund the Community Center project through the CIP. He added that he believes the building is a valuable asset to the Town but this department should follow the same guidelines as every other department in Town.

Mary Conn

Mary Conn questioned whether the Town has a bid policy. Mr. Burbank replied that yes there is purchasing policy and that anything over \$15,000 has to go out to bid. Mary added that it seems like the Town is pouring a lot of money into the Community Center. Patricia replied that the building was in poor condition when the Town purchased it. O.J. added that the Town does generate revenue from this building as well.

152 **IV. NON PUBLIC SESSION Pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3II (a, e) Legal , Personnel**

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154 **MOTION: To go into Non-Public Work Session at 7:10pm.**

155 **Motion: Ludwig Second: Robinson Roll call vote all in favor.**

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157 **MOTION: To go back into public session at 7:30pm.**

158 **Motion: Ludwig Second: McTeague Roll call vote all in favor.**

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164 After reviewing the weekly accounts payables, the Board made the following motion.

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166 **MOTION: "To adjourn."**

167 **Motion: Robinson Second: Ludwig All in favor.**

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169 The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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175 Approval Date 1/25/16

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181 O.J. Robinson

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Patricia McTeague

Jayne Ludwig